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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS REVIEW: EGYPTIAN CABINET TO DISCUSS

- KNESSET ACTION ON JERUSALEM BILL

1. SUMMARY: JULY 24 CAIRO PRESS HEADLINES KNESSET'S
APPROVAL ON FIRST READING OF BILL MAKING UNIFIED
JERUSALEM ISRAEL'S CAPITAL. PAPERS HIGHLIGHT DEPUTY
PREMIER ALI'S STATEMENT THAT EGYPT CONSIDERS ILLEGAL ANY

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ISRAELI ACT CHANGING CITY'S STATUS, AND HIS COMMENT THAT ISSUE WILL BE AT TOP OF AGENDA FOR TODAY'S CABINET MEETING. IN NEW YORK, MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI PREDICTED CURRENT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION WILL CONSIDER KNESSET ACTION. AHAM QUOTES INFORMED SOURCE IN WASHINGTON AS SAYING EGYPT HAS SUPPLIED AFGHAN INSURGENTS WITH SAM 7 MISSILES. PAPERS NOTE ALSO ASSASSINATIONS IN BEIRUT, PARIS AND WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

2. JERUSALEM. CAIRO PAPERS JULY 24 HEADLINE KNESSET'S APPROVAL ON FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION MAKING UNIFIED JERUSALEM ISRAEL'S CAPITAL. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS DEPUTY PREMIER ALI'S STATEMENT THAT EGYPT CONSIDERS ILLEGAL AND WILL NOT RECOGNIZE ANY ISRAELI EFFORT TO ALTER CITY'S STATUS. HE SAID JERUSALEM QUESTION WILL BE AT TOP OF AGENDA FOR TODAY'S CABINET MEETING IN ALEXANDRIA. CAIRO RADIO'S 1430 NEWS BROADCAST REPORTED CABINET MEETING WITHOUT DETAILS, BUT COMMENTED THAT KNESSET ACTION IS "RASH AND UNACCEPTABLE" AND REFLECTS "BEGIN GOVERNMENT'S DEPARTURE FROM PEACE".

3. IN NEW YORK, MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI CALLED KNESSET ACTION "AN ARBITRARY DECISION WITHOUT VALUE AND NEW OBSTACLE TO PEACE". HE PREDICTED ISSUE WILL BE RAISED AT CURRENT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION WHICH HE WILL ADDRESS TODAY. PAPERS ALSO SAY THAT, IN REPORTING SADAT'S JULY 22 ADDRESS, WORLD PRESS EMPHASIZED PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT CALLING ISRAELI CHANGES IN EAST JERUSALEM "NULL AND VOID" AND DEMANDING REMOVAL OF SETTLEMENTS.

4. AFGHANISTAN. AHAM QUOTES UNIDENTIFIED HIGH RANKING OOD SOURCE AS SAYING EGYPT HAS SUPPLIED AFGHAN INSURGENTS WITH NO FEWER THAN 100 SOVIET MANUFACTURED SAM 7 MISSILES.

5. ASSASSINATIONS. ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHT ASSASSINATION IN BEIRUT OF RIAD TAHA, CHAIRMAN OF LEBANESE PRESS UNION. IN THIS CONNECTION, PRESS CARRIES AGENCY REPORT FROM PARIS THAT SYRIAN DISSIDENT LEADER AKRAM EL HURANI ALLEGED ASSAD GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED ASSASSINATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST SYRIAN OPPOSITION IN EUROPE. PAPERS ALSO NOTE MURDER IN WASHINGTON OF FORMER IRANIAN DIPLOMAT. ATHERTON

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